

CHORLEYWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

INFORMAL MEETING OF THE COMMON USER GROUP
TUESDAY 14th SEPTEMBER 2010

Attendance list: **Margaret Jarrett Chairman, Chorleywood Parish Council**
 Owen Edis Chorleywood Cricket Club
 Rod Botham Chorleywood Golf Club
 Eddie Gilbery Chorleywood Golf Club
 Mike Warburg Friends of the Common
 Simon Varnals Friends of the Common
 Gregory Hill Friends of the Common
 Jacky Khara Chorleywood Residents Association
 John Warren Alms Houses
 Petrina Llewlyn Countryside Management Service

Yvonne Merritt Clerk of the Council, Chorleywood Parish Council
Claire James Senior Admin Officer Chorleywood Parish Council

10/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Norman Eve Chorleywood Parish Council
Rodney Kipps Chorleywood Parish Council
Geoff Liley Chorleywood Parish Council
Jackie Worrall Chorleywood Parish Council

10/02 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising

10/03 COMMON USERS

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Chorleywood House Estate

The Chairman welcomed Petrina Llewellyn from the Countryside Management Service who gave a presentation about the current consultation for the introduction of grazing in the Chorleywood House Estate. A copy of the proposals is attached.

Chorleywood Cricket Club

Owen Edis advised that a meeting had been held on 17th July 2010, which all the Councillors were invited. The Cricket Club took the opportunity to explain the history and the aims and objectives of the club together with future plans. Strategy documents together with a five year plan were given to each councillor for information.

Owen Edis advised that the summer had been kind with very few fixtures being abandoned due to bad weather. They had had a very successful year with four of the 11 junior teams getting through to the County Finals and three of the six senior teams gaining promotion.

Owen advised that after the season ends in two weeks time the annual maintenance will start. This autumn they will be refurbishing approximately 1/3 of the pitches as a result of advice from the ECB regional pitch advisor. The full refurbishment will be staged during the next three autumns to allow cricket to continue through the summer. Coincident with the end of the programme in the autumn of 2012, they hope to pull down the old pavilion and replace it with something more modern but in the traditional cricket pavilion style. They are now starting to put together plans for this following which they shall be looking to fund raise from every source possible. They advised that they would keep everyone informed on progress.

Alms Houses John Warren advised that he had contacted the Clerk regarding the fencing that has been put on the common for grazing. He was concerned that the fencing may impede access. The Clerk confirmed that this was not the case and assured Mr Warren that the fencing in place had DEFRA approval under Section 38 of the Commons Act 2006. He advised that the bunding around the entrance to the Alms houses had been successful but was being damaged by the refuse lorry. The Clerk advised that she would contact TRDC to see if this area could be collected as part of the rural round which used smaller collection vehicles.

Chorleywood Residents Association Jacky Khara advised that they had a lot of younger members on the Executive and they were looking at having a website which could describe on a regular basis what is going on. The Clerk advised that when the website was up and running the Council could put a link from the Parish website to the Residents Association.

Friends of the Common Mike Warburg advised that he had had a constructive meeting with the Clerk and was looking forward to sight of the new management plan. He understood there was an emphasis on volunteering. He advised that membership had gone up again after falling and was now at 574 members. Within the membership there were a number of people wishing to volunteer. Simon Varnals advised that he would be co-ordinating the voluntary work, and through Mark Carter and the CMS some members had undertaken training in leadership, health and safety and first aid. The group were therefore self sufficient and would not have to rely on the supervision of the Parish Council Rangers when carrying out work on the common. The Clerk confirmed that a section had been written into the management plan about volunteers and a number of projects had been identified but these did not always rely on physical activities, but could involve survey work.

Chorleywood Golf Club Rod Botham advised that the Golf Club had been successful in getting new members despite difficult times. They had undertaken major works on the 6th Tee, as part of their five year management plan. One of the main priorities was to review the basic water system which need updating. A new sign had been ordered for the first tee which would welcome people to Chorleywood Golf Course. There were a number of seats that needed replacing, Contact had been made with the parish council to discuss this. The Clerk has asked for a list of the ones that needed to be replaced together with the locations.

Chorleywood Parish Council The Chairman issued draft copies of the Common Management Plan. The Clerk explained the time table and asked for comment no later than the last week in October. It was the intention to launch the second draft of the plan to the public over the Christmas period with a display in the library. When all the comments had

been considered the final draft would be approved by the Open Spaces Committee on 8th March 2011, for implementation from the new financial year.

The Clerk advised that all was in place for the grazing which was hoped would start in the near future.

10/04 CLOSURE

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and there being no further business the meeting closed at 7.54 pm.

The date of the next meeting is to be arranged.